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AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS:

American Legion Post 289 honored Captains Steve Horton and Thomas Jay at a March 11

dinner program. The event was also attended by Fire Chief Steve Earley, Battalion Chiefs

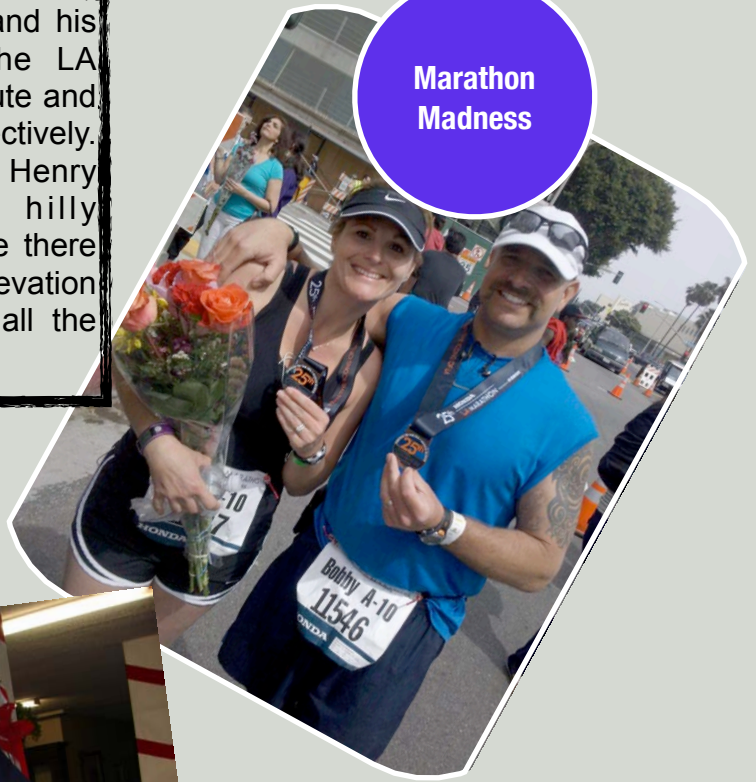
Dave Campos and Mitch Wesche along with friends and families of the honorees .

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Bob Abbruzzese (A10) and his wife Eva completed the LA Marathon in 4 hrs 1 minute and 4 hrs 32 minutes respectively. Jeff Larson and Don Henry completed the very hilly Catalina Marathon where there is over 4,000 feet of elevation change. Good job to all the runners!

Marathon Madness



Captain Rich Bell made two new friends while on a response at Mt. Rubidoux Manor. The residents really "looked up" to Captain Bell (literally). (photo courtesy of Tyler Reynolds)



Northbound
215 TC with
E6B crew on
3/30/10

March 27 Air
Show

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Service Award Ceremony and Falconer: This year's Service Award Ceremony was held on March 12. Immediately following the event at City Hall, there was an informal get-together at the Falconer where Retired Engineer Bob Linden was named Firefighter of the Year for 2009 and The Go Hard or Go Home Award Rookies of the Year were Matt Stibal and Paul Young.

Firefighters making their marks:

Jeremy Roberts
T. Giovannetti
Ryan Kaessner
Crispin Nunez
Paul Young
Scott Semer
Matt Stibal
Paul Seawright

Service
Awards &
Falconer



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Feb 22-26th CATF6 hosted our first FEMA-Equivalent Logistics class at our training tower. Students from as far as Texas (TX-TF1) attended the class. Carl Colby, Peter Sellas, Matt Galik and Kristen Johnson from

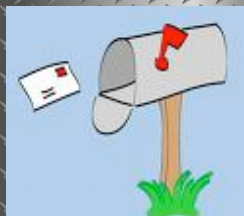
Logistics
Specialist Class



Email to DC Pentz on April 2 from LaVaun Johns of Riverside Public Utilities:

Hi Oran. This is La Vaun Barclay (now Johns) from way back in the Chief Greene/Monyeen Adair (Elvira) era. Ring a bell? My husband went with our grandson's school on a field trip to Airport Fire Station 5 on Thursday, April 1. He video taped some of it and took a few photos with his Blackberry. I'm sending this photo and asking that you send it to the guys at Station 5 for me. Our little one is the tiny redheaded boy that is the last kid on the right standing up. Tell the guys they gave these children a tour that they'll remember for the rest of their lives. He's still talking about it. Thank you.

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Letters & Emails

Email from BC Koury to Batt2A crews on March 5: Just a quick note to thank all of you for your outstanding support and assistance not only to me but to each other. This is a great Battalion with all of you adding your own expertise, professionalism and humor. Come visit when you get a chance in Battalion 1 B-shift.

Email from Melinda Brown, Media Assistant at Taft Elementary School, on March 3 to Chief Earley and Linda Daugherty:

I wanted to thank you for scheduling four firefighters to visit our school today and read to our students. Our kids always get so excited when firefighters are on campus and love receiving the badge stickers. Scott Wilson, Lee Davis, Denise Delgado and Charles Tasker did a great job representing our city and did a wonderful job reading today.

I believe they enjoyed themselves too and all came back with smiles on their faces. The staff at our school really appreciates our community joining together to support education. On behalf of all of us here at Taft Elementary, thank you for coming and sharing in our **Read Across America** celebration!!

Email from DC Pentz to RFD Personnel on March 5:

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of retired Fire Captain Bob Neff's wife, Carrie Neff. Apparently, Carrie had been battling cancer and passed away at their home in Utah today, March 5, 2010, just after midnight.

Please keep Captain Neff and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Bob asked me to pass along his email address and his Moab, Utah phone number so that if anyone is heading that direction can swing by to say hi.

Bob Neff, phone: (435) 259-9956, email: lnm427@mac.com

Letter to BC Dave Campos from L.Lino Luna, Executive Director of Casa Blanca Home of Neighborly Service sent on Feb 18: I want to thank you and your staff for making toys available from the Spark of Love Toy Drive, to the Casa Blanca Home of Neighborly Service for its holiday's toy/gift giving program. With your leadership, the Riverside Fire Department's Spark of Love Toy Drive made the 2009 Holiday Season a happier one for the families and children of those less fortunate.

Again, thank you so much for your support of this important project of helping needy families in the community of Casa Blanca, and we look forward to your continued support for the 2010 Holiday Season. (There was a card signed by the families who received gifts for their children enclosed with this letter.)

Email from RPD Detective Jeff Joseph on March 10: I want to thank all of you who expressed your condolences over the last few weeks regarding the passing of my brother Mike. My family and I took great comfort in all of your kind words. Once again thank you very much and God bless.

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Every 15
Minutes

Every 15 Minutes: Units from the Orange Terrace and Arlington Fire Stations participated in this year's "Every 15 Minute" program at Martin Luther King High School on March 29 and 30. In addition to observing the traffic collision scene, select students attend additional training at the Downtown Marriott and all seniors attend an assembly the following day where there is a mock funeral for those students who perished in the crash.

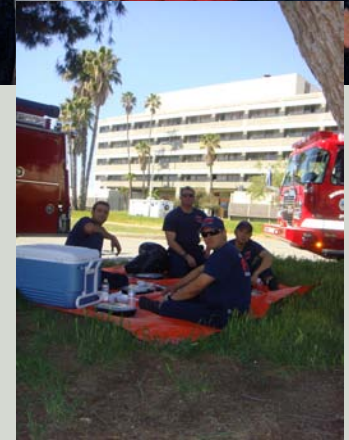


April Birthdays

Mike Allen	4/9
Daniel Balboa	4/6
Roger Cutshall	4/17
Steven Edwards	4/5
Gary Giovannetti	4/4
Scott Huchting	4/14
Dennis Hunt	4/28
Bryan Klink	4/28
Bob Linden	4/9
Stephen Loner	4/1
Steve McKinster	4/22
Christopher Naron	4/19
Steven Payne	4/29
Bill Schellhaus	4/18
Sean Smith	4/29
Bill Stamper	4/11
Mark Thompson	4/8
Jonathan Turley	4/19
Tim Vanderhorst	4/12



CPR and EMT skills recertification in March; Sandra Maynard-Jones and Kim Lyn from Human Resources gave an excellent class on resume writing and oral interviews to Fire Explorers Post 101. E7 crew attended high rise drill at March Air Force Base



Growing Families..

Aiden Alan Ingalls was born at 9:15pm on March 21 weighing in at 8 pounds exactly. Congratulations to Chris Ingalls and his wife. Chris' captain, Dave McClellan, says that Chris is taking his new dad role very serious and even putting his X-Box in storage.

